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Student flees attacker

Woman breaks free of knife-wielding man

By Susan Cristoferi
News Editor

A 22-year-old student was assaulted near Camp Johnson on March 17 while she was walking along College Parkway.

At about 9:45 p.m., a man riding a bicycle approached the student. He grabbed the woman and displayed a knife. The woman broke away from the man and fled to main campus. She was not injured, said Peter

Soons, director of Safety and Security.

The victim said she did not wish to comment on the incident.

The suspect was described as a man in his 30s, between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall, with dark, wavy shoulder length hair.

The campus shuttle operator sighted a man fitting the description of the assailant at North Campus before the incident was reported, Soons said.

Colchester Police Officer

Jeff Barton responded to the incident. He was not available for comment.

The Colchester Police Department and St. Michael's Security are investigating the incident.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Security at 654-2374, the Colchester police at 655-3054, or Champlain Valley Crime Stoppers at 864-6666.

St. Patrick's Day 2001 at SMC



Photo by Rebecca Bazinet

A group of students show their spirit at the special Marriott dinner held at Ross Sports Center on March 17.

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Purple Knights Pizza and Deli gets license to sell beer

College administration says it's a violation of the lease

By Susan Cristoferi
News Editor

Upon return from spring break, students craving a slice of pizza and an ice cold beer could head over to Purple Knights Pizza and Deli.

Owner Darren Eddy acquired a first-class restaurant license to sell beer and wine on March 2.

Vice President of Finance Neal Robinson called Eddy on March 14 and asked him to stop serving alcohol.

"When I became aware, I found it was a true violation of the lease," Robinson said. "He basically needs us to give our approval first."

The college leases the building to Eddy. The lease states, "Tenant shall not serve and or sell alcoholic beverages on the premises without first obtaining landlord's prior written consent."

"It was my understanding that alcohol would not be served on the premises," said Dean of Students Michael Samara. "It is a stipulation for them to not serve alcohol."

"I jumped the gun," Eddy said. "This is just a small pizze-

ria, I was just trying to get more revenue, more income."

Eddy said business has been OK, but he thinks the beer would help make it better.

"I have three children to support," Eddy said. "I think if we get the alcohol in here, it would do better."

Eddy said he invested more than \$4,000 to get alcohol in the pizzeria. This cost includes installing taps, purchasing kegs and receiving training for checking IDs.

"I'm sitting on \$600 worth of kegs right now," Eddy said.

Eddy purchased six kegs to tap: Long Trail, Harpoon, Molson Canadian Lager, Bud Light, Budweiser and Killarney's.

"I don't think it's a good decision for alcohol to be served there," Samara said.

Samara said 80 percent of the 1,850 students at St. Michael's are not 21 or older, and cannot legally consume alcohol.

Samara said he was opposed to Purple Knights Pizza and Deli serving alcohol because he was concerned for the safety of students.

"Our concern is for students



Photo by Rebecca Bazinet

Purple Knights Pizza and Deli owner Darren Eddy says he spent more than \$4,000 installing the equipment for the beer taps and receiving training to check IDs.

drinking there and then crossing the road, Route 15, afterwards," Samara said. "It's a very dangerous road."

Eddy met with President Marc vanderHeyden, Samara and Robinson on March 19 to discuss the lease violation.

"I learned a lot about where they are coming from, and I'm

confident they understood my concerns as well," Eddy said. "Right now, I'm just trying to do the right thing."

Eddy is not serving alcohol until a final decision is made by vanderHeyden, Samara and Robinson. They will continue to have discussions in the future.

"We'll give it due considera-

tion," Robinson said.

"I started this place for you guys [students]. I wanted it to become part of the St. Michael's community," Eddy said. "With or without the beer, I'm still going to be here."

"It's definitely up in the air," Eddy said.

St. Michael's College Security Log

Excerpts from the March 9 to March 15 Security report. Compiled by Director of Security Peter Soons.

Friday, March 9

2:43 a.m. Disorderly conduct in Alumni Hall
5:30 a.m. Suspicious person at Lyons Hall
6:45 a.m. Vandalism in Linnehan Hall
9:21 a.m. Larceny/theft at Ethan Allen apartments
9:40 a.m. Vandalism in Linnehan Hall
4:50 p.m. Motor vehicle accident at Hodson Hall

Saturday, March 10

12:58 a.m. Noise complaint at 200s townhouses
1:30 a.m. Alcohol violation at 400s townhouses
3:09 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on

Vermont 15

8:13 p.m. Alcohol violation in Ryan Hall

Sunday, March 11

3 a.m. Suspicious person at Linnehan Hall
7:10 p.m. Disabled vehicle at Alliot Hall
9:10 p.m. Harassment in Lyons Hall
11:30 p.m. Power outage in Founders Hall

Monday, March 12

4:34 p.m. Motor vehicle assist at Ryan Hall

Tuesday, March 13

10:10 a.m. Complaint in the 400s

townhouses

11:14 p.m. Safety incident on College Parkway

Wednesday, March 14

1:00 a.m. Noise complaint at 100s townhouses
1:17 a.m. 911 hang up in Purtill Hall
3:50 a.m. Parking enforcement on main campus
7:40 a.m. Parking enforcement on main campus
11:05 a.m. Parking complaint at Ryan Hall
11:18 p.m. Fire alarm in Purtill Hall

Thursday, March 15

1:55 a.m. Suspicious person at Health

Services

8:30 a.m. Parking enforcement on main campus
8:58 a.m. Towed vehicle on Campus Road
9:30 a.m. Towed vehicle at Ryan Hall
12:30 p.m. Medical assist at Alumni Hall
1:34 p.m. Towed vehicle at Ryan Hall
1:55 p.m. Complaint at St. Edmund's Hall
11:13 p.m. Suspicious person at 100s townhouses

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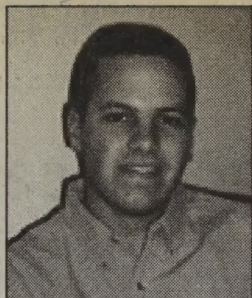
S.A. Elections start today

Elections for S.A. and class presidents and vice presidents will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Alliot Hall lobby. Below are candidates for S.A. president.

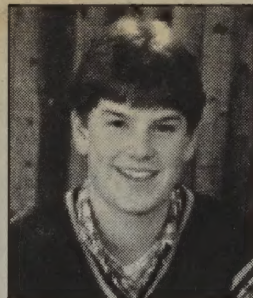
Class president candidates: 2002-Tim McMahon, 2003-Andrew Russo, 2004-Benjamin Gallagher

Class vice president candidates: 2002-Colleen Fitzgerald, 2003- no nominations, 2004-Patrick Kernan

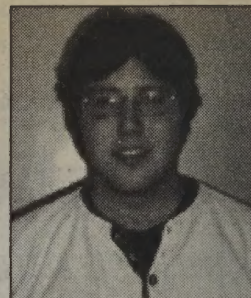
Presidential candidates



Name: Matt Colby
Current year: Junior
Hometown: Concord, N.H.
Academic majors: History and secondary education
Goal: "To work more with the Residence Life staff and theme houses to ensure that the students are getting the most that they can from the S.A."



Name: Shaun Bryer
Current year: Junior
Hometown: Morrisville, Vt.
Academic majors: Elementary education and American studies
Goal: "To increase communication between the S.A. and student body as well as between the student body and the administration, and to ensure the decisions made by the S.A. are in the best interest of the student body."

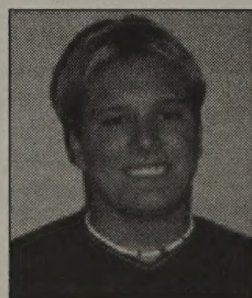


Name: Nick LaVallee
Current year: Junior
Hometown: Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.
Academic majors: Political Science and Philosophy
Goal: "If elected it would be my goal to make participation in the S.A. worthwhile again and to make sure that student concerns receive full consideration by the administration of the college."

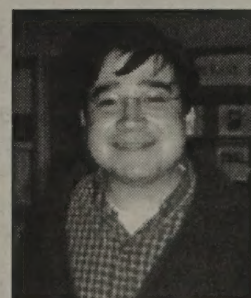
Vice presidential candidates



Name: Liz Farrell
Current year: Freshman
Hometown: Brockton, Mass.
Academic majors: Political science
Goal: "Mainly I want to reform the S.A. in such a way that gives all students a voice, meaning a vote ..." and "to switch meeting format to a revised edition of town meeting."



Name: Nick Gill
Current year: Junior
Hometown: Scarborough, Maine
Academic majors: Biology
Goal: "To unify the student body and the S.A., because they are one and the same."



Name: C.R. Lyons
Current year: Junior
Hometown: Danvers, Mass.
Academic majors: English Literature
Goal: "I hope, if elected, to help promote an atmosphere in which fellow students' participation is worthwhile and meaningful."

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News

Students serve vodka shots to class

Professor asked to leave room before students give presentation

By Janine Hess
Staff Writer

Business professor Roger Putzel was not in his XB class, more formally known as BU 303: Management and Organizational Behavior, on March 7.

Juniors Kimberly Wells and Matthew Hamilton of the class' directing group asked Putzel to leave the class during their presentation "in order for students of the organization to speak more freely," according to a news release sent by the XB communications group.

Before their presentation, the students served vodka shots to the class of 29 students.

More than 50 percent of the students, many under 21 years of age, took shots. No one objected to serving them in class.

Most students directly involved refused to comment on the incident.

Junior Alexander Lappin said the shots were served in an effort to encourage participation and "informalize a formal class setting."

Experience-based learning: The XB organization

XB operates as an organization, which is broken up into departments and smaller groups

that are in charge of running the class and teaching members the importance of their positions and departments. "The professor acts as the senior manager, delegating the power of managerial decision-making to the members of this XB organization," the press release says.

Taking responsibility: Putzel's reaction

Putzel found out about the incident after reading weekly memos from members the following weekend.

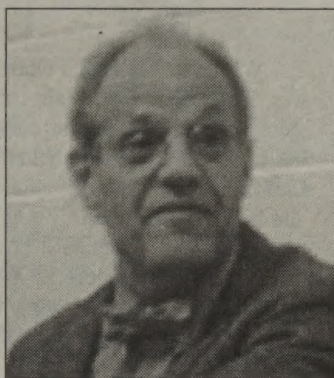
"I was concerned about the fact that no students objected when this was suggested," Putzel said.

"To me the most shocking and one of the most important things here is when you are in a situation with a group and you are asked to do something against the rules, do you have the guts to blow the whistle?" Putzel asked, "but rules are broken all the time in life. It can be tough to tell which rules do you break."

Putzel used the example of obeying the speed limit as a commonly broken rule.

"I want my students to stand up at risk to themselves to say, 'This isn't right,'" Putzel said.

Putzel said he was concerned about how he would be perceived



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Roger Putzel,
business professor

after this occurred.

"What does that look like from the outside? Well, let's see — Professor Putzel let students drink in class ... Oops, that's me. How does that look for St. Michael's College?" Putzel asked.

"It's not responsible to just say this is a mistake ... In XB mistakes are our most important product; but we are training for the real world. They need to take full responsibility. I want members to be hungry for that type of responsibility," Putzel said.

The aftermath: The college's response

XB organization members and Putzel reported the incident to their respective deans. Putzel wrote a brief memo to Dean John

Kenney on March 13, explaining that "under normal circumstances, when I am present students occasionally ask me to leave class and I do so because in taking responsibility for teaching and learning they occasionally need to speak to each other more frankly than they would in my presence."

The memo also stated, "Students presenting asked me to leave; I left. They then served vodka to other students ... When I found out I expressed my anger in no uncertain terms to the class and told them that we could not consider the incident merely a classroom event, that we need to recognize our obligation to the college ... I am truly sorry for this event."

Kenney said the incident has

been handed over to Edward Mahoney, associate dean, and that he is no longer involved.

The XB organization wrote a memo to Mahoney explaining its rationale and taking responsibility for the incident.

In the memo, the organization wrote, "We realize that our actions have gone against school policy and that we have broken a rule. Although we feel our actions were justified in the rationale behind our actions, we realize that breaking the rule was wrong and we are willing to take responsibility for the action that occurred."

When asked to describe Mahoney's reaction to the students, Putzel spoke slowly through squinted eyes.

"He was no where near as angry as I was," he said.

Mahoney met with the class Friday, mostly to "gather details" on exactly what happened, Putzel said. The consequences have yet to be determined by the two deans.

One immediate correction has already been made, however.

From now on the XB manual will contain an eighth rule: "XB members must obey laws and ordinances affecting its sponsoring organization and rules of the organization itself."

Brown student coalition steals newspapers in protest

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I.

A coalition of student groups that stole nearly 4,000 copies of The Brown Daily Herald said it plans to continue to take action against The Herald until the newspaper meets its demands, according to a press release the group issued Saturday.

The coalition's seizure of the newspapers came in response to a controversial advertisement The Herald printed in its March 13 issue.

The ad, purchased and written by conservative commentator David Horowitz, lists 10 reasons why he feels the payment of monetary reparations for slavery is a bad idea.

"Our action was to remove The Herald from on campus locations of distribution," the release said. "We will continue to be active until the paper meets our demands."

The coalition had demanded The Herald donate the \$725 cost of a full-page advertisement to the Third World community and give the coalition a free full-page ad.

On Saturday the coalition added two new demands: that The Herald remove the word "Brown" from its name, and that it cease distributing copies on campus.

The Herald declined to honor any of the group's demands.

The coalition's dispute with The Herald grew into a massive

campus controversy and garnered national media attention over the weekend following the coalition's action Friday.

The Boston Globe, the Providence Journal and the Associated Press ran stories on the theft. Representatives from The Herald and the coalition also appeared on NBC's "Today" show Sunday morning.

The controversy has sparked the creation of at least one rival campus group, Students of Color Against Censorship.

"SCAC was formed to provide a voice for minority students who are disenchanted with the coalition's actions," the group said in a statement Sunday night. "The group is growing very rapidly, as dozens of students have already expressed their support."

The group plans to purchase an advertisement in The Herald opposing the coalition's actions.

The president of the Providence chapter of the NAACP, Cliff Montiero, was quoted in the Providence Journal on Saturday supporting The Herald.

"The ad is a wake-up call that freedom isn't free," Montiero said. "I don't think it's right for people to steal the newspaper ... I think the freedom of the press needs to continue."

"The reparations claim is one more attempt to turn African Americans into victims," he said.

The Undergraduate Council of Students offered to help the

**"The University
recognizes and
supports The
Herald's right to
publish any material
it chooses."**

Sheila Blumstein,
interim president,
Brown University

coalition pay for a full-page ad in rebuttal, but the coalition has not yet accepted the offer.

After Herald editors and business staff refused to meet the group's demands, the coalition on Friday seized nearly the entire press run of The Herald from its campus distribution points.

The Herald reprinted 1,000 copies of Friday's paper and distributed them Saturday afternoon. Staff members handed papers to students as they entered the dining hall.

Inside the paper they included a typed statement explaining the disappearance of the newspapers and apologizing to readers for the inconvenience.

On Friday, coalition members left a statement of their own in place of the newspaper.

"We are using this action as an opportunity to show our community at Brown that our newspaper is not accountable to its

supposed constituents," the flier read. "It is a newspaper run by Brown-student opportunists and careerists who are completely unaccountable to the University's aims and its student body."

The coalition took all the copies of The Herald from more than 10 locations.

Only the newsrack at The Herald offices remained full, despite two attempts by coalition members to take the copies in the rack.

On Saturday, Brown University issued a statement in support of The Herald.

"Consistent with its commitment to the free exchange of ideas," Interim President Sheila Blumstein said in the statement, "the University recognizes and supports The Herald's right to publish any material it chooses, even if that material is objectionable to members of the campus community."

"The Office of Student Life will review information concerning these incidents," she said.

The coalition's seizure of the papers sparked a flurry of criticism from campus free-speech advocates and others on campus.

"This is the worst possible thing the coalition could have done, both to themselves and to free discourse at the University," said Carl Takei '02, president of the Brown ACLU. "I am saddened and very upset with their actions."

"Stealing the paper isn't con-

ducive to a constructive dialogue, which is what we need right now," said Megan Zwiebel '03, secretary of the Brown ACLU.

The Herald's disappearance from campus newsstands was also fodder for conversation and debate around campus over the weekend.

The number of hits to the Daily Jolt's online message board shot up by 50 percent Friday.

"We usually receive about 60,000 hits per day," said Evan Metcalfe '03, who heads Brown's Daily Jolt maintenance team, "but (Friday) we got 90,000. Traffic usually goes down on a Friday, so it's surprising that it went up."

The Herald's Web site, HeraldSphere, went down temporarily Friday after a barrage of hits, and users had difficulty accessing the site all weekend as it experienced a 400 percent traffic increase.

The Horowitz advertisement has stirred controversy at college newspapers across the nation. Horowitz sent the ad to 46 other university newspapers, and of those, only nine printed it. Three swiftly issued apologies.

The Herald's general manager, Nicholas Russo '03, said the paper does not censor advertisements based on their political content. He said the decision to run the Horowitz ad was in keeping with the newspaper's advertising policy.

News

News in Brief

Faculty meets to discuss Faculty Welfare Committee proposal

More than 70 faculty members gathered March 16 to discuss a proposal to withhold 2 percent of faculty salaries in an escrow fund.

The Faculty Welfare Committee voted in favor of the proposal 4 to 2. The faculty members expressed their divided opinions about the vote during the meeting.

Political science professor Patricia Siplon said she is concerned with how the staff may perceive the recent faculty salary increase.

"A staff member's perception may be that the raise was an implementation [of the Watson Wyatt report]," Siplon said. "What will faculty do?"

Siplon helped draft the escrow proposal in an effort to promote solidarity between the faculty and staff.

Journalism professor Dianne Lynch presented a motion to have the Faculty Welfare Committee further study the escrow proposal.

"This is not a proposal to accept or reject the plan," Lynch said. "It is a motion that says think about this ... Is it legal? Is it practical?"

The meeting was adjourned after more than 2 1/2 hours. Motions drafted by two other professors were not heard before that time.

Faculty members at the meeting voted to vote on the motion by mail ballot.

Registrar reveals popular picks and new classes for next semester

By Luke Q. Stafford
Staff Writer

When St. Michael's College was established in 1904, there were no specific majors, only a list of required classes including Latin, history, literary studies, and French or German.

Today St. Michael's offers more than 30 majors. With almost 2,000 students vying for classes, registration can be a difficult process.

Students looking for classes in their specific majors are given first priority, Registrar John Sheehey said. For example, a sophomore majoring in biology would have priority over any senior signed up for a required biology class as an elective or liberal studies requirement.

Seniority is the next decisive factor. Seniors signed up for a liberal studies requirement class will have priority over juniors; juniors over sophomores, and sophomores over freshmen. The same process applies to electives.

Sophomore Kathleen Coons said she gets the classes she signs up for half of the time.

"It's hard for me because my science labs are in the afternoon and I can't get classes then,"

Coons said.

Sophomore Robert Frohock said he never gets a schedule with all the classes he signed up for on it.

"I always have to go to my adviser and do everything all over again," Frohock said.

St. Michael's most popular major is business administration, which had 379 students enrolled in 2000. Psychology comes in second with 259 students, followed by elementary education, biology, and journalism.

With 14 sections scheduled for fall 2001, Introduction to Philosophical Problems has the highest enrollment on campus. It is the only class required of every St. Michael's student.

Other classes with high enrollment include Drawing, U.S. History, Finite Math, Calligraphy, and General Psychology.

Three new classes made the fall 2001 schedule. Biology of Exercise will be a biology elective; Building Active Web sites will be offered to non-computer science majors interested in World Wide Web technology; and Writing for Alternative Media will be offered by the journalism department.

Ceramics I: Wheel Throwing was offered for the first time this semester. It is the first art course offered off-campus at the Frog Hollow Studio in downtown Burlington.

Sheehey said psychology and biology majors have the most difficult time squeezing into classes with limited space.

"For the most part, students understand the way we give priorities," Sheehey said. "There's a desire on the part of the school to keep classes small."

Although the Registrar's Office works to keep class sizes to a minimum, it is ultimately the instructors who dictate class size, Sheehey said.

Individual departments arrange schedules and class times, Sheehey said.

Departments also create and eliminate classes and decide which classes will be required for the majors. A faculty curriculum committee, overseen by Dean John Kenney, has final approval on major requirements.

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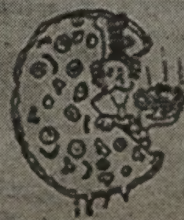
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News

Preparing for Preparation Day 2001

By Alison Lima
Staff Writer

Preparation Day, better known as P-Day, is one of the most anticipated events on the St. Michael's campus.

The Special Events Committee, made up of four students, has been brainstorming and planning for this event all semester, but most of the plans have started coming together in the past few weeks.

"It is a really long and more complicated process than you would think," said junior Caitlin Corcoran, a committee member.

The festivities will begin with a drive-in movie Friday night, April 27. The committee will decide on the movie soon, possibly asking for student suggestions.

Saturday's events will be similar to the events of the last

few years, with popular inflatable games, music and the Chew-Chew food tent.

Junior Emily Ugino, a committee member, is in charge of acquiring a package of inflatables that might also include virtual games.

Last year, P-Day had an inflatable slide, boxing ring and an obstacle course, among others. A virtual Pac-Man game was also featured.

Several companies offer packages that provide combinations of these games and apparatuses. Ugino said she thinks these plans will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

As for music, the committee is planning to rely heavily on student bands and other area groups. There will probably be four bands.

Sophomore Mark Cernosia is the committee member most

involved in lining up bands for P-Day.

"It's a goal for most student bands to play at one of the biggest days on campus," Cernosia said.

Corcoran is responsible for planning the Chew-Chew. It has not been determined which restaurants will come this year or what food they will serve.

The set-up will be the same, with students receiving tokens to redeem food from the restaurants present.

The Chew-Chew will cost about \$7,000, depending on restaurants and food selection.

P-Day should last longer this year. The committee hopes to have bands playing later in the day, and possibly into the night in Alliot Hall.

"A lot of times P-Day depends greatly on the weather," Ugino said. "Hopefully, we'll have good weather, and if we can combine that with bands playing later, I think P-Day will last longer this year and be a lot of fun."

The committee has a budget of \$20,000 to \$25,000. This is about the same as the budget has been the last couple of years, and the committee members said they were happy with it.

The budget for P-Day depends primarily on the success

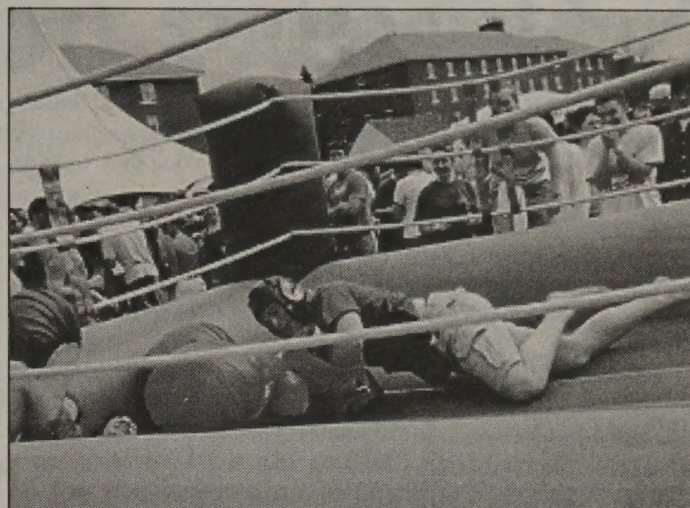


Photo courtesy of Victoria Welch

Juniors Ian Sutherland and Drew Widger tackle each other in the inflatable boxing ring during last year's P-Day.

of the other special events throughout the year.

"When there is a concert that does poorly, the special events budget has to cover the costs of that concert, and so the budget for P-Day is lower," said junior Shaun Anderson, secretary of programming.

Because of the success of the Rusted Root concert, this year's other major event, the committee has a generous budget to work with.

"When we went into re-allocation, we asked for a little more money because most of the events were successful this year,"

Cernosia said.

Many students on campus are already looking forward to this year's P-Day celebration.

Sophomore Serena Rowe would like different kinds of music.

"I'm hoping for a variety of music this year, not just one type," she said.

Sophomore Brian McSherry said he hopes students will get more tokens for food at the Chew-Chew.

"Pray for good weather. That's what makes the day," McSherry said.



Photo courtesy of Victoria Welch

The inflatable slide was featured at last year's P-Day festivities.

SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

See our website
for registration
information.

SUMMER 2001

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES (May 21-August 3)

AR 205 Drawing I (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 8:30-9:45am (May 21 - June 29)

AR 313 Western Calligraphy (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:00-11:15am (May 21 - June 29)

AR 327 Ceramics I: Wheel Throwing (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 12:00-4:00pm
(May 22 - June 21)
Frog Hollow Clay Studio, Main Street, Burlington

BU 113 Foundations of Business
Administration (4cr.)
Monday - Friday, 6:00-10:00am
(May 21 - June 22)

BU 141 Financial Accounting (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 8:00-10:30am (May 21 - June 15)

BU 143 Managerial Accounting (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 8:00-10:30am (June 18 - July 13)

BU 303 Management & Organizational
Behavior (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 8:00-10:00am (May 21 - June 22)

BU 305 Marketing (4cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-9:10pm
(May 21 - June 27)

BU 315 Financial Policies of
Corporations (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 4:00-7:45pm
(May 22 - June 21)

CL 205 The Greek and the Roman
Theater (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:30am-12:10pm
(May 21 - June 29)

CO 205 Principles of Speech (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-8:10pm
(June 26 - August 2)

CS 101 Introduction to Computing (4cr.)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:30-10:45am
Lab: Wednesday, 9:00-11:00am
(May 21 - July 20)

EC 101 Principles of Macroeconomic (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:10pm
(May 21 - June 27)

EC 103 Principles of Microeconomic (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-8:10pm
(May 22 - June 28)

EN 205 The Greek and the Roman
Theater (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:30am-12:10pm
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EN 223 Poetry Writing Workshop I (4cr.)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1:00-3:50pm
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EN 403 Special Topics in Film: Film and
Literature-The Art of Adaptation (4cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-9:10pm
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FR 210 Intermediate French (5cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:00am-12:30pm
(May 21 - June 22)

GG 101 Introduction to Human
Geography (4cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:15-9:25pm
(May 29 - July 5)

HI 163 Modern Latin America (3cr.)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 5:00-7:00pm
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HI 231 American Catholicism (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:15-11:30am (June 4 - July 13)

ID 309 Inside Mexico: A Travel
Seminar (4 cr.)
Wednesday, May 16 - Wednesday, June 6
This course will be taught on location in Mexico.

JO 205 Writing for Media I (4cr.)
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JO 413 Journalism Practicum (3cr.)
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LL 210 TESL/TEFL Seminar: Methodology
of Second and Foreign Language
Teaching (4cr.)
Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-12:30pm
(May 21 - June 21)

LL 250 Intercultural Communications (3cr.)
Monday - Thursday, TBA
(June 25 - August 3)

MA 101 Finite Mathematics (3 cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00-8:10pm
(June 26 - August 2)

MA 102 Elementary Statistics (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:10pm
(May 21 - June 27)

PH 205 Philosophy of Society (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:10pm
(May 21 - June 27)

PH 207 Philosophy of Religion (3cr.)
Tuesday & Thursday, 4:00-7:10pm
(May 22 - June 28)

PO 101 Introduction to Politics (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:10pm
(May 21 - June 27)

PO 120 Introduction to American National
Politics (3cr.)
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00-8:45pm
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PS 205 Psychological Development of
Children (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:00-11:20am (May 21 - June 22)

PS 225 Abnormal Psychology (3cr.)
Monday-Thursday, 5:00-7:00pm
(May 21 - June 21)

PS 303 Management & Organizational
Behavior (4cr.)
Monday-Friday, 8:00-10:00am (May 21 - June 22)

PS 331 Cognitive Psychology (3cr.)
Monday-Thursday, 1:00-2:55pm
(May 21 - June 21)
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RS 231 American Catholicism (3cr.)
Monday-Friday, 10:15-11:30am (June 4 - July 13)

SP 210 Intermediate Spanish (5cr.)
Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12:20pm
(May 21 - June 22)



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Noble gesture

When St. Michael's students protested the results of a consultant's cost-cutting report and its potential effects on the community, the faculty and staff ranted and raved about how proud they were of the level of commitment of the students.

Now it's the students' turn.

St. Michael's faculty members recently received a 7 percent to 9 percent increase in their contracts – a step that many perceive as the college's first step in fulfilling a few of the Watson Wyatt report's suggestions.

Several faculty members quickly began discussing the possibility of putting 2 percent of everyone's raise into an escrow fund to be used as the faculty saw fit in the future. The account could act as a safety net for staff members, a back-up to ensure the faculty doesn't receive better pay at the expense of other employees.

While it was too late to implement, the faculty assembly is discussing the feasibility and legality of creating the fund for next year.

We are proud to be at a college where faculty members are not only wonderful in the classroom, but also are caring, socially conscious people. The faculty members have truly given students something to be proud of – a sense of community so strong that it won't sell out for higher wages.

Rhonda Miner,
Executive Editor

Bye-bye, beer

As quickly as GTrono Bagel left, Purple Knights Pizza came, a new alternative to ordering out, trudging through the entree line at Alliot, and nuking Ramen noodles in their rooms.

Purple Knights owner Darren Eddy obtained a liquor license through the state. Last week, the college ordered Eddy to close his taps.

St. Michael's owns the building and says Eddy cannot serve or sell alcohol in the pizza place without the college's written consent.

Eddy admitted he might have jumped the gun and skipped a few steps.

For years, St. Michael's administration has looked for a safer alternative to students' traveling downtown or doing kegstands in the 300s.

Purple Knights Pizza seems to be just that – a controlled social drinking environment where underage students will not be served and where students will not have to get behind the wheel after a few beers.

Dean of Students Mike Samara said the main reason the administration had Eddy stop serving beer was that it is unsafe for students to cross Vermont 15 after drinking. Fair enough.

But let's be practical. Students live in the Days Inn, so after a night of drinking at a friend's on main campus – a very likely scenario – they stumble across the street to go home.

Does it matter which college-owned piece of property students are drinking on? It seems that a regulated, restaurant-style, ID-checking environment would appeal to the administration more than a non-regulated bash hidden in a quad dorm room.

Rhonda Miner,
Executive Editor

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We believe in the freedom of expression. We encourage our readers to express their views at any time.

The Defender publishes letters to the editor in response to articles that we have printed in the paper and issues on campus. The Defender does not publish anonymous letters. Letters will be edited only for grammar, spelling and good taste.

Photo of the week



Girl Scout Troop 86 sells cookies in the Alliot Hall lobby March 18. From left to right: (back row) troop leaders Hali Peng, Kathy Donegan, and St. Michael's freshmen Elizabeth Assenza and Jamie Leone; (front row) Kiana Donegan, Rebecca Shaw, and Xingna Peng.

Photo by Rebecca Bazinet

Letters to the Editor

Safety first

When I woke up this past Tuesday, I was thrilled to look out my window and see a massive amount of freshly fallen snow. Alliot never looked so beautiful! I quickly stumbled over to the door, and tapped into the stream of rumor rapidly flowing through the hall. Upon questioning my floormates, I learned that night classes were canceled, but day classes were still on at the discretion of professors.

OK, I thought, after the initial letdown of not being able to jump back into my warm bed and bypass my 8:30 class. I was a bit surprised, but I'm one for adventure, after all, any winter morning in Vermont that's different from the usual gray sky and bone-chilling cold would add a little excitement to the daily routine.

Now, call me a party-pooper, but as the day progressed, I kept asking myself, "Why do we have class today?" There was two feet of snow on the ground! The roads were barely plowed, pathways to class were cleared minimally, and stairways were piled high with snow. (I must admit I did enjoy skiing down the stairs, but many others might not have.)

Library ... closed early. Greensleeves ... closed. Tarrant

... closed. Bookstore ... closed. Classes ... on? It seems as if there is a double standard here.

This past storm was in no way simply "nuisance snow." It was a huge storm that shut down businesses and schools all over Vermont. The third-largest snowfall recorded in the Burlington area since the 1870s, this storm dumped nearly two feet of snow!

Steady snow all day made for treacherous roads and dangerous driving. "I must've seen three cars flipped over on the highway," commented professor Jon Hyde. Whether a professor commuting from two hours away or a student commuting from North Campus, driving in such conditions is still dangerous, regardless of distance.

Heavy pedestrian travel on campus mixed with plowing and snow removal added to an already dangerous situation. Freshman Nathan Formalarie fell victim to the hazardous walking conditions. "I took a fall walking down the stairs; they were covered with snow," he said. Nate was able to laugh off the fall with his friends, but someone else might not be so lucky.

It seems as if there was a serious lack of judgment by the administration this past Tuesday.

The provost has a responsibility to make the safe call on behalf of the entire St. Michael's community. Leaving the decision on whether to hold class up to professors was irresponsible. The administration should've taken the initiative to call off classes, as it was obviously in the best interest of the entire community.

I suppose the provost felt that it might be safer to hold classes than to call them off, and face a campus full of students with a lot of free time on their hands. It's true that many students may have headed for the slopes on slippery, dangerous roads but it is not the college's position to make personal judgment calls. Due to the magnitude of Tuesday's storm, students, faculty and staff should've been freed from any obligation to travel.

Our community was spared this time, but in the future we might not be so fortunate. As we have learned all too frequently in the past, when dealing with Mother Nature, it is always better to be safe than sorry. So we might miss a day of classes, but the safety of all the people in the community is far more important than sticking to a schedule.

Shawn McElroy,
freshman

Goals for S.A.

If elected, our goal for the S.A. would be to more fully realize the potential of student government. Participation in the S.A. has fallen to a point that we haven't seen in our three years of attending S.A. meetings. The distinct feeling that students have is that these meetings don't really mean anything, so why should they attend. It is our hope that we can revamp the S.A. structure to make all students feel like they can contribute. The S.A. isn't supposed to be a group of people telling the rest of campus what to do, it should be a forum for the community to get together and try to do what's best. We feel very much that in too many cases this has not been the case. It is vitally important to restore the S.A. in such a way as to make all clubs, organizations, and individuals on campus feel as though

they have a voice.

If elected, we plan on revising and reinstating town meeting format. There were several reasons this did not succeed. Town meeting format was seen by some as a chance to propose a multitude of legislation. So, rather than increase participation, it decreased because only few people were running the show while the vast majority of the Senate had to sit through longer meetings. We can and should fix these problems instead of calling town meeting format a failed experiment.

If elected, we will be a strong voice for students with the administration of the college. The time for sitting passively as decisions about the future of our college are made has passed. There must be discussion about the future of the college. This is our community and we must take

an active role in planning its future.

Most importantly, we will never advocate any action designed to reinforce the perception that the S.A. is an overriding body that controls student clubs and organizations on campus. The S.A. is in some ways the least important of the organizations on campus. We are merely the means by which students organize themselves to coordinate activities. In some ways it is the most important, because it has the capacity to bring the concerns of the students to the attention of the administration with one strong voice. We will keep these positions in mind as we go along next year. The clubs and student interests will always take precedent over the power of the S.A.

Nick LaVallee, junior
C.R. Lyons, junior

Features

Time for the real world

Students look toward employment after college

By Justin O'Brien
Staff Writer

After the flesh festival and alcoholic haze of senior week pass, most seniors will have only one question lingering on their minds: What's next?

Countdown to graduation day is already at 53 and as of May 13, St. Michael's seniors will find their "four-year vacation" shattering around them. However, small minorities of students have already secured employment to soften the "real-world-trauma" blow.

Finding a job is no easy task. Time, effort and persistence are needed. In a world where resources are abundant, what seems to be the most effective way to find employment? St. Michael's offers many programs for graduating seniors to find jobs after college.

The Internet now plays a huge role by linking candidates with company recruiters. The amount of exposure a resume can receive on Web sites, including Monster.com and JOBTRAK.com, is unparalleled. Although the job candidate pool has grown dramatically some people have found success.

"I placed my resume on Monster, and within two hours I had already received six hits on it," said senior mathematics major Charles Wilson. "I was amazed."

The Student Resource Center, located in the Klein Center, is a complete source for finding a job. Some of the center's services include: on-campus recruitment sessions, company listings, several Web site listings that provide e-mail job opportunities and an extensive career library.

"The single most important step in finding employment is to develop a plan," said Ingrid Peterson, career development coordinator. "From this plan one can draft a resume, cover letter, attend interview skills seminars and then organize a network of people to help assist in the job placement process."

With the ever-shaky global economy, employment rates leveling off and cut-throat competition for limited job positions, having not only a plan of action but several alternative job placements is essential. New avenues need to be explored.

Senior accounting/business administration major Jennifer Diccio has secured a place at a small accounting firm in Lexington, Mass. She found the Student Resource Center newsletters extremely helpful for applying to relevant job recruiters visiting the campus.

"The Student Resource Center arranged an interview for me with several accounting firms," Diccio said. "The only decision I had to make was deciding which opportunity to take."

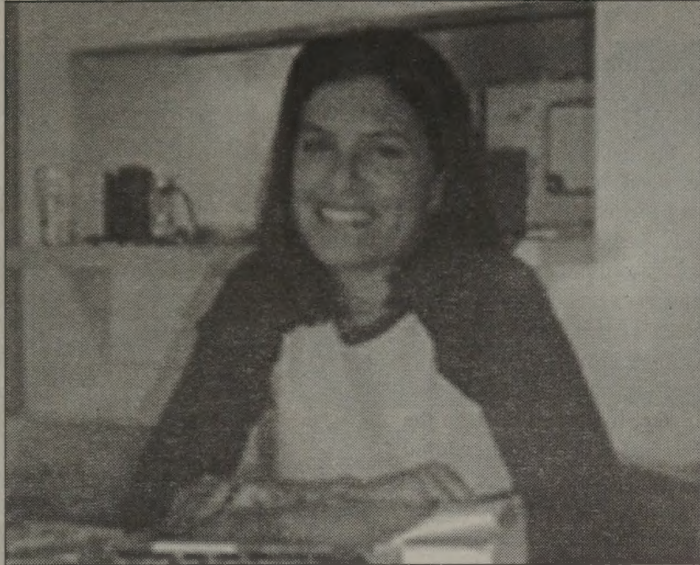


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Senior Jennifer Diccio has a job waiting after graduation.

Tips for job searching

- Complete a resume and cover letter.
- Collect letters of reference.
- Have a mock interview.
- Create a network of people who might help with job opportunities.
- Identify places to send your resume.

Tips courtesy
of the Student Resource Center

Not everyone has found his or her calling.

"I have been using the Student Resource Center for the majority of my employment questions and have had some good leads," said Arthur Choate a senior political science major. "Of course, it's frustrating when you're unsure of what you want to do with the rest of your life."

Not everyone on campus is taking advantage of the resources available.

"The Class of 2001 is not as enthusiastic as classes before them, which is not to say this is either good or bad," Peterson said. "If students haven't given any thought to future employment until senior week, then they are in trouble."

The Student Resource Center is available for individual student appointments Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The career library is open Monday to Thursday evenings until 7 p.m.

"Finding a job is not something that just happens; students have to go out and make it happen," Peterson said.

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on campusFinal Peace and Justice lectures bring
renown speakers to St. Michael'sBy Missie Thurston
Staff Writer

It took six or seven years of calling every day for weeks at a time to get Sister Helen Prejean to come to St. Michael's for the second annual Peace and Justice Lecture Series this year.

Prejean will present "Dead Man Walking" on March 28 at 7 p.m. Judy Shepard will present "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard" on March 22 at 7 p.m.

The Peace and Justice series has sponsored four presentations this year: Sen. Patrick Leahy, the AIDS Memorial Quilt and the two presentations that remain.

"Our mission is hopefully to invite people who have strength in their own way to bring issues of justice to the stage," said the Rev. Michael Cronogue, S.S.E. "Neither one of these women ever set out to do this. It just happened, and both are very well received on their speaking tours."

Judy Shepard's son, Matthew Shepard, was beaten and left to die in 1998 because he was gay.

Shepard, represented by Keppler Associates, speaks across the nation about her son, her ordeal, and what people can do to stop hate crimes.

In Shepard's biography Keppler quotes her as saying, "In a perfect world because your child is gay, you don't worry about their safety. You just worry about him being happy. I loved Matt just the way he was. Just the way he was."

Cronogue headed the small committee responsible for lining up the speakers and looks forward to the presentations.

"Judy Shepard would say she's a mom and the death of a son just forced her to advocate for basic human rights and digni-

SPEAKERS	
Who: Judy Shepard	When: March 22
	at 7 p.m.
Where: St. Michael's Chapel	
Who: Helen Prejean	When: March 28
	at 7 p.m.
Where: McCarthy Arts Center	

ty," he said.

"Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the U.S.," on which the film "Dead Man Walking," starring Susan Sarandon as Prejean and Sean Penn as a death row inmate, was based.

Prejean counseled death-row inmates, accompanying some to their deaths. Her notoriety makes it difficult to get in touch with her, but after years of trying, she will finally speak to the St. Michael's community about death-row inmates and the concept of the death penalty in the United States.

It took the support of numerous organizations to enable St. Michael's to bring these women to the campus. It will cost about \$10,000 for the two speakers, but Cronogue believes it's worth it.

Shepard's presentation has been moved from the McCarthy Arts Center to the chapel to accommodate more people. Prejean will speak in the McCarthy Recital Hall.

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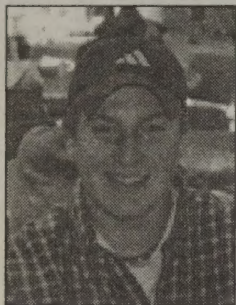
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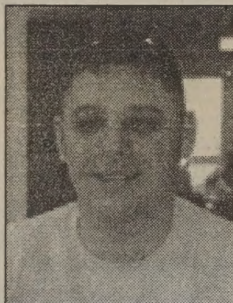
"I don't buckle up when I drive."

Ryan Ackley,
sophomore



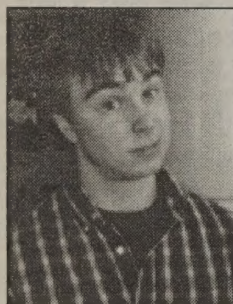
"Too much drinking."

Yoh Hashimoto,
SIS



"I don't have any bad habits. I'm perfect."

Patrick Wheeler,
senior



"Public nose picking."

Chris Topping,
freshman



"Smoking."

Samantha Pelchat,
sophomore



"I have a tendency to be a malicious bully."

Erik Timme,
junior

The real Israel

By Missie Thurston
Staff Writer

The lists of students who have been approved to study abroad for the fall of 2001 hang outside the study abroad office. Students anxiously wait for acceptance letters from the universities of their choice. Junior Mary Epright just smiles.

Epright studied abroad in the fall. She, too, went through the registration process and endured the waiting game.

The only difference between her destination and the majority of other destinations: she was headed for what would turn out to be the media hot-spot for the entire semester.

Epright studied at the University of Haifa in Northern Israel. While TV newscasts and front pages of U.S. newspapers displayed damage and deaths from prolonged fighting in the Middle East, Epright lived there.

Epright's father traveled to Israel as an engineer for Ben & Jerry's and returned with photographs and stories. This inspired Epright; she wanted to experience the culture for herself.

"I didn't want to go to Europe. I wanted something out of the ordinary," Epright said.

This came as no surprise to junior Karen Pogorzelski, Epright's roommate for two years, who once watched Epright eat a meal on the floor in Alliot for a sociology class.

"It's her way of stepping out of the normalcy of Europe," Pogorzelski said.

Epright and 30 other students, from countries such as Switzerland, Norway and Germany, participated in the Israeli program.

For the first two months of her stay in Israel, Epright lived and worked on Kibbutz Ramot Menasche, a commune farm and factory. She said it functioned around the idea of socialism.

This was the first time she had the opportunity to experience a socialist society and it exposed her to some of the differences between Israel and the United States.

"Most of all this made me appreciate where I am," Epright said. "They're really lax in Israel. I appreciate the efficiency of being American."

She said the pace of life seemed to slow down and the lack of deadlines disturbed her, she said.

After the kibbutz, Epright lived in a residence hall at the university, but not exactly in U.S. fashion.

The residence hall consisted of six rooms, a kitchen and a common area. In each room there was a bomb shelter, and this was her part of the room.

"I lived in the bomb shelter for two months," Epright said with a smile. "It was fun. A little inconvenient, but amusing."

While there, she met Israeli



Photo courtesy of Mary Epright

Junior Mary Epright experienced a different side of the U.S. media portrayal of Israel this past fall when she studied there.

students, learned some Hebrew, and participated in local events.

She joined a peace protest at Haifa, and the fact that so many people did not know about peace rallies, and only recognized Israel for its violence, made a huge impression on her.

"You can't understand it unless you have been there," she said. "It's a beautiful country with beautiful people, which makes the war that goes on there so heartbreaking."

Epright said the mass media have failed to give an accurate portrayal of Israel.

The Arabs and Israelis are making a conscious effort to coexist, to which the media do not pay enough attention, she said. The amount of coverage given to the Middle East presents a false sense of overwhelming violence, she said.

Pogorzelski said she found herself asking, "Who do I trust? My roomie says she's fine, but the United States of America says the entire nation is an erupting battleground."

Junior Jennifer Evans, a friend of Epright's and a former study abroad student, could identify with Epright's frustration at the U.S. portrayal of the Middle East.

Evans said while she was in Japan she did not hear nearly as much negative publicity about Israel or the Middle East as in the United States.

"The reason America makes such a big deal about the Middle East is because we're involved. We invest our media coverage in it because it's kind of like our pet project," Evans said, mentioning that hate crimes occur frequently in the United States as well.

"[The Israelis] are not a culture that say 'please' and 'thank you,'" Epright said, "but the country isn't crippled by violence. It's just the occupied territories."

Epright said the media inaccurately portray the entire coun-

try as violent and angry, but do not cover any other aspect of the civilization. She agrees the conflict can be seen in all parts of the country, but said other aspects of the country should be recognized too.

"If you're freaked out by 19-year-olds carrying machine guns down the street - don't go," she said matter-of-factly. "But Israel is like a microcosm of the whole world."

That's what Epright learned; everything connects to everything else, and if one portion is ignored, the culture cannot be understood.

The 19-year-olds with machine guns represent a terrible struggle being passed from generation to generation, but amid the anger and struggle there is life, tradition and hope, Epright said.

A culture cannot be summed up in news articles or photographs or stories, she learned.

Sophomore Stephanie Dulac, who hopes to study abroad in Argentina or Spain next year, said she hopes to be able to experience the entire culture instead of only perceiving a publicized image.

"I am looking forward to tossing myself into something completely different. I am also looking forward to proving some people wrong," Dulac said. "My family is really nervous about South America."

What Epright learned, and Dulac hopes to prove, is that culture consists of people who are all unique, and a country's culture reflects the multiple facets of its people.

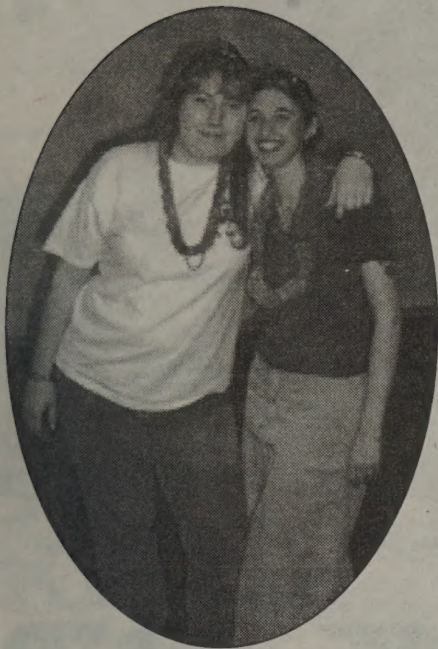
It is impossible to ignore history, religion, language, music, conflict, tension, energy, vision, or lifestyle and say a culture is accurately represented, she said.

"It was probably the most complete culture package I could have gotten," Epright said.

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Celebrating the day when everyone is Irish

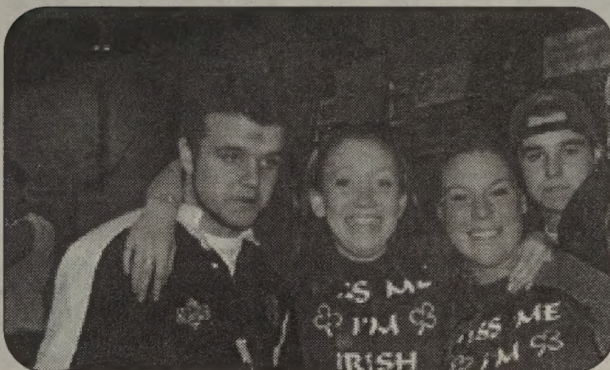
St. Michael's students show spirit on St. Patrick's Day 2001



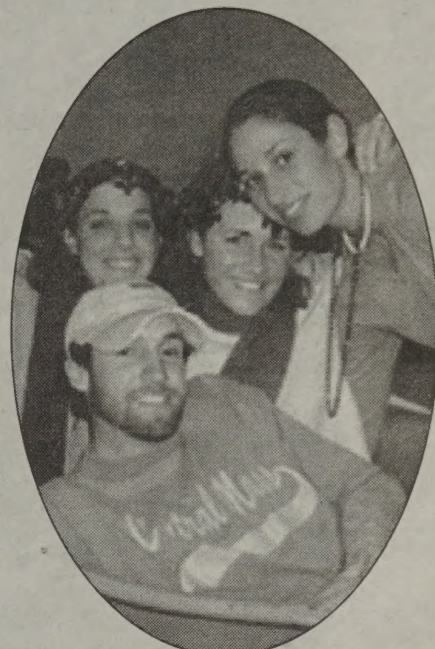
Sophomores Nicole Roy (left) and Kathleen Coons (right) take a break from the festivities in Ross Sports Center.



From left to right: Junior Nick Gill, sophomore Jon Stolpinski and junior Matt Colby enjoy the food and music at the St. Patrick's Day dinner in Ross.



From left to right: Freshmen Pat O'Connell, Molly Lydon, Beth Winton, sophomore Dan Farrelly and junior Lauryn Lloyd show their green spirit as the women pose in "Kiss Me I'm Irish" T-shirts.



From left to right: Sophomores Suzanne Shrekast, Alicia Robinson, Cara Giacalone and Jesse Levine (front) are all smiles.

Photos by Rebecca Bazinet

Admissions looks for many students with 'Just One'

By Tim Simard
Staff Writer

All they want is one.

Since the mid-1980s, the St. Michael's Admissions Office unleashes its Just One program annually, urging current students and faculty to recommend high school students who are looking at colleges.

"It helps admissions get [prospective] students through their peers and it's a nice way to refer students," said Stephanie Noakes, admissions receptionist.

"Current students really know best who would benefit from a St. Michael's education," said Just One coordinator Kimberly Pushee-Hill.

The Just One program started as a way for alumni to recommend students in their community to St. Michael's.

A few years later, it was opened up to parents and faculty members, then most recently, to the student body, Pushee-Hill said.

"Just One helps admissions get more recruits," said Patrick Gallivan, director for alumni and parent relations.

Gallivan, the first person to market Just One when he worked in admissions, said he believes it is sometimes harder for admissions to get people to look at St. Michael's as opposed to big-name colleges, which is why Just One plays such a big role for admissions.

"It's a tough challenge we have because you don't turn on

"Current students really know best who would benefit from a St. Michael's education."

Kimberly Pushee-Hill, Just One coordinator

ESPN and see St. Mike's on there every day," Gallivan said.

But Just One seems to be working.

According to Just One records for Fall 2000, there are currently 11 students attending that were suggested names.

There were 288 students suggested, 52 applied and 41 were accepted by the college.

To get names of prospective students, admissions sends out letters to the student body during Christmas break and during the summer.

St. Michael's students have an added incentive for turning in names. There is a possibility of winning \$250 in airline vouchers or a \$250 gift certificate to the St. Michael's Bookstore.

There are also smaller prizes that include \$50 gift certificates to local stores and restaurants.

Admissions picks one student from each class for the smaller prizes.

"If we get one student to come to St. Michael's, it more than makes up for the cost of the prizes," Pushee-Hill said.

Faculty and staff also have a



Photo by Rebecca Bazinet

Sophomore Amanda Horton is a St. Michael's student as a result of the Just One program.

chance to win prizes, although on a smaller scale, such as tickets to St. Michael's Playhouse.

Senior Steve Brady won the Just One grand prize last fall. His prize was a \$250 gift certificate to Contois Music.

"I was pretty psyched," Brady said. "I just turned in a few names and I won."

Brady's original options were \$250 gift certificates to either Child Travel or the St. Michael's Bookstore.

"They said, if I wanted, I could change my \$250 gift cer-

tificate to someplace else, rather than an airline gift certificate or bookstore gift certificate," Brady said.

Brady said the program is a good way of getting prospective students to look at St. Michael's.

"It gives a good sense of credibility for the prospective student," Brady said.

Sophomore Gretchen Barrup won a \$50 gift certificate to Border's Books and Music.

Barrup said one of the people she suggested might attend next year.

"They told me they got a letter with my name saying that I had suggested them, so that helps," Barrup said.

Barrup also said Just One is a good idea because it lets prospective students know there is a familiar face on campus.

Just One candidates who attend St. Michael's said it has been a very rewarding program.

"Without it, I wouldn't have heard of the school at all," said junior Sean Quinn.

"[St. Michael's] became my top choice after seeing all the other colleges," Quinn said.

Sophomore Khwaja Muhammad was also a Just One student who "didn't know what to expect" when he first looked at the college.

"It has a nice environment and it worked for me," he said.

For sophomore Amanda Horton, a Just One recommendation came from her grandfather, a St. Michael's alumnus.

"I really like the campus and I had heard a lot about the people and the community here," she said.

Horton said she had sent in her own recommendations for a few of her friends back in her high school.

Since Just One has done well with admissions, it continues to ask students for references for possible students.

"We really rely on current students to bring in the best possible students for St. Michael's," Pushee-Hill said.

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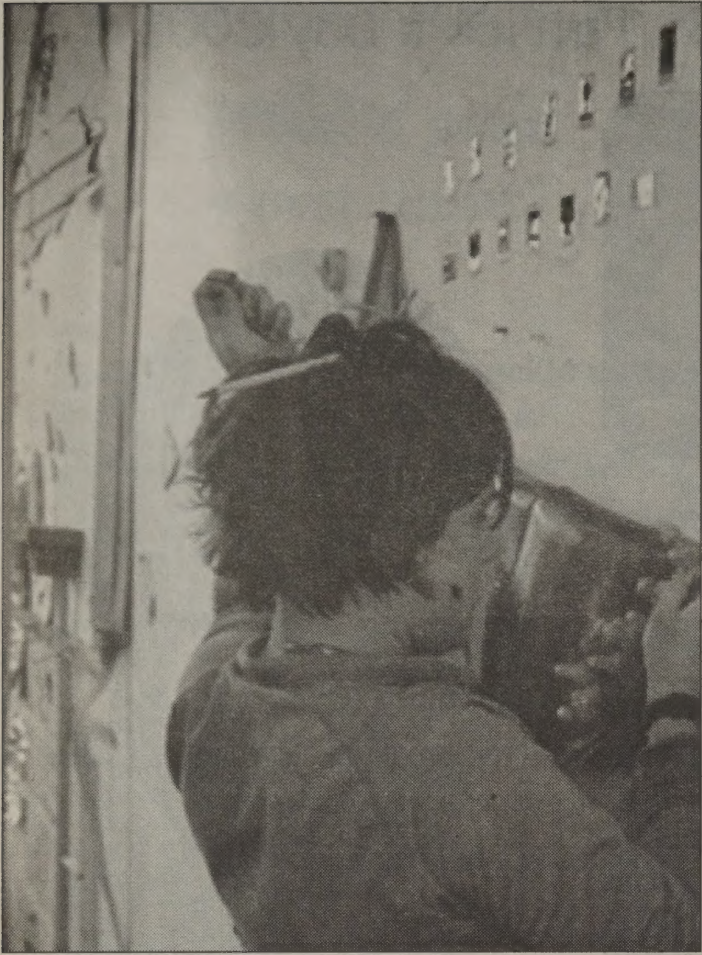


Photo by Rebecca Bazinet

Abby Manock works on a piece that is part of the "Process/Progress III" show currently on exhibition at the Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts' gallery.

Administrators give more than \$12,000 to local arts center

By Brian Harvey
Staff Writer
and Nicholas J. Callanan
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Members of the board of trustees have given \$12,000 to \$15,000 to the Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts to honor alumnus Patrick Robins. The sponsorship was made in 1999 to help sustain the center's operations until renovations begin in April.

Secretary of the board of trustees Marilyn Cormier said the sponsorship was "an effort led by Chairman Peter Worrell on behalf of the board, to honor Mr. Robins." Robins was a long-standing board member who retired in 1998.

"The Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts is a comprehensive art center," said curator Pascal Spengemann. "We provide exhibition space, working space, education space. You can come visit an exhibition, take a class, or make art work."

The center, at 135 Church St., Burlington, is planning to begin "top-to-bottom renovations" on April 8, Spengemann said.

Spengemann, also a member of the St. Michael's College Fine Arts Committee, said the planned renovations will include constructing classrooms, a darkroom, a lecture hall and an art library.

St. Michael's President Marc vanderHeyden explained how the college's interaction and interest in the Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts started.

"When I first came here I found that the banks had been providing funding for the Firehouse Art Gallery. I invited myself in their midst and asked them what it would be if St. Michael's funded the Firehouse Art Gallery for a year," vanderHeyden said.

The college provided funding in the 1998-99 fiscal year, then the board members made their sponsorship in 1999-2000.

"I think that St. Michael's, particularly the president and his wife, are very interested in the power of arts and how it relates to the community," said Spengemann, "and want to see the St. Michael's community learn about the basics of enjoying and creating the visual arts."

VanderHeyden expressed the relationship as a public relations benefit to St. Michael's.

"My interest was that St. Michael's would be recognized in the local art and cultural community," he said.

The center not only acts as an advertising medium for St. Michael's, it also exhibits art created by St. Michael's faculty and students.

"The art faculty at St. Mike's has exhibited their art here: Gregg Blasdel, Lance Richbourg, James Kochalka, Gerrit Gollener," said Spengemann. "I've had current and former students — Randy Gaetano has exhibited here. And Ben Patrick, too."

Richbourg, a faculty member in St. Michael's Fine Arts Department said, "We've used the gallery for certain special



Photo by Rebecca Bazinet

Artist Abby Manock, a Burlington resident enrolled at the Maine College of Art, is busy creating at the Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts.



Currently on display
at the Firehouse
Center for the Visual
Arts' Gallery:

"Process/ Progress III"

A collection of local artists have set up shop in the main gallery to create works of art during a six-week period. The current exhibition includes computer-generated work, photography, sculpture and painting. Other less traditional creative approaches include a film that will be entirely shot and edited in the gallery. The show will run until April 1.

A special closing reception to celebrate the successful finish of the process will be held March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours: Sunday to Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. and Friday to Saturday, noon to 8 p.m.

The Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts can be reached at 865-7165.

events such as the summer artist in residence. So, a lot of the people who are involved in the Burlington art community have the opportunity to interact with artist in residence."

Renovations will begin at the close of a weeklong fundraising show titled, "Ignition." The show, running from April 3 to 8, will feature work by Richbourg and Blasdel, among others.



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Horoscopes

By the Optimistic Idiot



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your hard work is paying off – Lady Luck has got you covered in that department – but why does it seem that your thoughts keep straying toward love and secrets? Try to focus on one thing at a time.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do you realize how you have been using language lately? Words can be weapons, and they are especially powerful for you right now. Be aware of that power; don't abuse it.



Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) We all know that you don't have to seek out people's secrets: they come to you. This is especially true in the current configuration of planets. Be discreet with this knowledge – in other words: business as usual.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Such crazy thoughts and dreams are going through your head lately – and lightning quick too. Relax. Don't get so caught up in these visions, or opportunities in the real world may pass unnoticed.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do you find yourself contemplating the nature of thought itself? Well, if you have ever been interested in such a question, now would be the time to meditate on it. If not ... hope your week is great anyway!



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You and your friends seem to be a united front, whether you planned on it or not. Use this force wisely or you might end up wreaking havoc where you least expect it.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) It seems strange to remind the most contemplative sign in the zodiac to think things through, but that's just what you have to do this week, Pisces. If you don't screen your words carefully, something may inadvertently slip out.



Aries (March 21-April 19) HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! The sun enters your sign today, and the moon will enter Aries on the 25th. What does that mean for you? Your independent streak will shine through, and your close friends will see how strong you are – and how sensitive.



Taurus (April 20-May 20) This is a good week for long talks with good friends. I recommend taking the time to communicate, or the chance to speak so honestly may pass.



Gemini (May 21-June 21) I bet you are already dreaming up travel plans for this summer; you are just dying to get up and go somewhere! While it is important to plan ahead, don't let your work fall by the wayside.



Cancer (June 22-July 22) Are you feeling especially close to the people with whom you work? Trust your gut about these people. And on a side note, your work continues to be a powerful force.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) As your ruling planet enters Aries, I bet you are feeling more Leonine than you have for a while. Enjoy this returning power and pride, you deserve it.

St. Michael's Calendar March 21-28



Photo by Jacqueline Lecce

Senior Liz Green is the coordinator of the St. Michael's College Women's Center. The center's grand opening is March 28.

Women's Center Events

*For more information call Ext. 2667 or stop by the WC office in Alliot 205

- March 28** *Grand Opening of the Women's Center at St. Michael's College. Reception and celebration, Alliot 205, 3 - 5 p.m.
*“Equalogy,” An interactive play about date rape on college campuses, McCarthy Arts Center, 7 p.m.

Women's History Month Events

- March 22** *“The Importance of Writing Women's Lives,” a talk with Pat Morgan, co-author of “Indomitable Women,” sponsored by the American Association of University Women, The Book Rack, Champlain Mill, Winooski, 7 p.m.
March 28 *Open reading of women's poetry, sponsored by the SIS Coffee Hour and by the SMC Women's Caucus, St. Edmund's Lobby, refreshments, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

MOVE Events

*For more info. or to sign up for these events please call Ext. 2674 or visit the MOVE office

- March 21** *Afterschool games at the Boys and Girls Club, 3:30-5:15p.m.
March 21 *Play Bingo with senior citizens, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
March 22 *Afterschool games at the Boys and Girls Club, 3-5 p.m.
March 22 *Volleyball at the Correctional Center, 5-7 p.m.
March 25 *Volunteer with OVE and Free the Planet, at the Sugar on Snow Festival to benefit the Audubon Society, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Peace & Justice Lecture Series

- March 22** *“The Legacy of Matthew Shepard” with Judy Shepard (Matthew's mother), Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel, 7:30 p.m. There will be a reception for Shepard in Durick Library, 4 - 5 p.m.
March 28 *“Dead Man Walking,” a talk by Sister Helen Prejean, author of “Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the U.S.,” McCarthy Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

SMC Film Series

- March 21** *“Like Water for Chocolate,” presented by Kerry Shea, English, free refreshments, McCarthy Arts Center, 7 p.m.
March 29 *“My Feminism,” presented by Sue Kuntz, psychology, free refreshments, McCarthy Arts Center, 7 p.m.

Coffeehouse Music Series

- March 23** *Rahe, Alliot Lobby, 8 p.m.
March 28 *Matt Nathanson, Alliot Lobby, 8 p.m.

Student Association Events

- March 21- 22** *S.A. Elections in the lobby of Alliot, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.
March 27 *S.A. Meeting, in Cheray 101, 7 p.m.

Student Health Services Events

- March 26** *“Eating Disorders: A Contemporary College Issue,” general information about eating disorders, treatment and how to recognize problems, Vermont Room, noon-12:50 p.m.

Family Weekend Events

- March 23** *“The Four Winds,” Western American-Indian tribal drumming with dancers, McCarthy Arts Center, 8 p.m.
March 24 *Performance by St. Michael's Wind and Jazz Ensemble, McCarthy Arts Center, noon.
*Performance by the Chorale and Madrigal Singers, McCarthy Arts Center, 3 p.m.

Other Events

- March 25** *Matsuri - Japanese Festival, featuring Burlington Taiko Drummers, Ikebana (flower) arranging, calligraphy and the ancient skill of wooden boat building, Ross Sports Center, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children.
March 26 *Ghanaian Drum and Dance (every Monday night), Alliot Lobby, 6:30 p.m.

If your group wants its events to be included in the St. Michael's Calendar please e-mail ncallanan@smcvt.edu

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It wasn't about the money



By Tim Nordstrom
Columnist

Remember when John McCain was in the news daily, becoming an increasingly viable alternative to "big money" George W. Bush in the Republican primary? Remember when Bill Bradley was a fairly unthreatening alternative to "big money" Al Gore in the Democratic primary? Remember when the never-popular-outside-of-college-campus candidate Ralph Nader charged that "big money" Bush and "big money" Gore were really the same person in disguise?

Yeah, I forgot about all that, too. Amid all the post-election hooplah in Florida, most people forgot about the one big issue that rose into and fell from the national consciousness quicker than the XFL: campaign money. Namely, those who have it win; those who have none lose.

Whenever someone points this out, there is always a chorus of voices decrying the presence of money in the campaign system. We love to criticize the money. It's so easy. After all, we can yell at and argue with a dollar bill all day, and it will not talk back. If we want to solve all of our election woes, just

find the money tap and turn it off. Sounds easy, right?

Yeah, right. Money may be part of the problem, but at best, it is only half of it. No candidate has thus far had the courage to stand up and ask for reform in the biggest area of trouble in our nation: the electorate.

Me. You. Everyone. We live in a time when 75 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds and 56 percent of all eligible voters have easy access to the Internet. We live in a time when transportation is easier to access than it has been at any time in history. Yet, we say what really wins elections is a barrage of 30-second television spots. Does this say more about the system or the voters?

Even more frightening is the idea that all things (money, media exposure) being equal between Nader, Gore, McCain, Bradley and Bush, Bush still might have won. People shudder at the thought. After all, he's incompetent. He's just riding off his daddy's fame. He has few qualifications to be president. Maybe these are all true. However, people conveniently forget that McCain had plenty of media attention during the campaign, but Bush still won comfortably. McCain even won the New Hampshire primary and earned a huge public relations boost, but Bush still won. The primary candidates in both parties were given the chance to participate in debates. Bush still won.

Could this be because [insert your own gasp here] people voted for him? Nah.

Now, let's all take a deep breath and say it together: it was the money ... it was the money ... it was the money ...

Why don't we all have shoes?



By Josh Cook
Columnist

I have a friend with whom I have many relatively productive discussions. The discussions are productive because we disagree on everything. I believe that the sky is baby blue, while he (rather foolishly, I might add) believes the sky to be light blue. The other day I met him in a stairwell and we had a very brief discussion in which he made a powerful and profound statement, a statement that I could not disagree with. He stated a truth that rocked my world, a truth that I would have remained forever blind to, floundering in the painful abyss of ignorance. He showed to me, through careful dialectic logic that I ... cannot make my own shoes! I hope you all were sitting down for that, because I wish I had been.

Most of our debates focus on the merits and demerits of capitalism, and this exchange was no different. He was making the point that without capitalism, I would not have had such easy access to boots, or anything else I might need, that I myself cannot make, and in

that regard he is right. Capitalism does an almost miraculous job producing and distributing goods. We can move, and create so much stuff now, thanks to capitalism, the world should be spinning toward a utopia of universal comfort and high standards of living for even the Earth's poorest inhabitants.

However, last I noticed the massive numbers of Taco Bells are not solving world hunger; the aisles of Evian are not providing the world with clean water; the gigantic pharmaceutical companies are not curing the world of diseases; and the availability of DVD players, personal computers, Swifters and microwaveable dinners in our country isn't making anyone any happier.

I can't make my own shoes, and in a growing service economy fewer and fewer people can. And yes, capitalism does provide shoes for those who can't make shoes for themselves, but at this point, can't we strive for something more? Capitalism was a necessary transition from mercantilism and feudalism. Capitalism was necessary for the creation of mass amounts of wealth, and the potential for massive production of goods. But we can feed the world now, and because of the tenets of capitalism, we're not. Capitalism only provides shoes for the people who can pay for them. Everyone else is left shoeless. Isn't it time to strive for something more?

Contrary to what some people might tell you, there was trade before capitalism, and there will be trade after capitalism. If there's one thing we can learn from history, it's that time erodes all systems and societies — even those that seemed like they would last forever. I can just hear a feudal lord saying over his absurdly large leg of lamb, "Humanity has reached its peak with the feudal system. The natural leaders are in power, and no further improvements on government are really necessary. Peasant revolt, Smeasant revolt; Magna Carta, Shmagna Carta."

People who need shoes should have shoes. People who need food should have food. People who need oversized irrational sport utility monstrosities to feel good about themselves should have real friends. What I'm saying is that capitalism has produced the means for humanity to take the next step; to turn to a system where the bottom line is human need.

There is food rotting in silos, and shoes only cost a couple of dollars to make. There are people starving, and people without shoes who need them. This is an equation that does not balance out. Until capitalism is allowed to die just like feudalism, that equation will remain unbalanced, and the world will not progress to a more advanced society ... and the sky is clearly baby blue.

Women's movement in the 21st century



By Nicholas J. Callanan
Arts and Entertainment Editor

March is Women's History Month, and in recognition, this column is about women's movement — that is, it's about the movement of women.

I saw "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" a couple of weekends ago. It's an incredible movie: complete with an intricate plot, unprecedented fighting action, and twisting, tragic romance.

The plot is quite complex, but to simplify: It's the story of two fiercely independent women in medieval China, fighting stereotypes and warriors with equal enthusiasm.

Each of the two women, skilled warriors named Shu Lien and Jen, has a distinct demeanor that commands respect from everyone she encounters. Those who don't show them respect quickly learn to — or end up getting dealt with faster than you can say "Wudan Mountain." Both are strong, confident, and masters of their own being; and no alternative seems to ever enter their minds.

As each pursues her individual destiny, she ends up traveling alone through the less-than-secure cities and countryside of underworld China.

The most important thing about Shu Lien's and Jen's solo journeying is not the accomplishment itself (I don't mean to downplay the worthiness of one person kicking the piss out of trained thugs hell bent on ending her existence ...); but most impressive is that neither thought it remarkable to be traveling alone as a woman.

Watching Shu Lien and Jen on the big screen reminded me of stories I've recently heard from

Small, shallow thoughts

female travelers of this era.

When I listen to women explaining their hesitancy to travel alone, I maintain a respectful silence — obviously, as a 21-year-old man, I have neither the biology nor the experience to relate to their fears.

But when I do meet women who, for whatever reason, get excited about traveling to unfamiliar places alone, my sense of human spirit is refreshed.

In the last six months I have met an American teenage girl touring South Africa by bus alone, a St. Michael's woman who flew to Italy and explored strange cities by herself, and another young woman who is currently in the midst of a solo road trip to Texas to gather footage for a film. I also recently talked to a 40-ish woman who, in a rush while traveling alone in the '70s, once used her womanhood as a distinct advantage: she lifted up her shirt while hitchhiking to get picked up quicker.

These are trend-bucking women who seem willing to ignore everything but their own spirit. Women who, after weighing everything, decide seeing the world for themselves is of high importance; so high, in fact, that they will not be denied by their biology, or by protective parents or siblings, or by the media's suffocating attempts to shape women's identity, or even by other women's horror stories of traveling alone.

These women have taken full control of their wheel of destiny, and are aiming straight for "adventure."

They figure that all humans should be considered citizens of this world; and that, man or woman, we've all got a right — perhaps even an obligation — to go and see it with our own eyes.

Now, don't misunderstand me. There's surely a lot to be said for being cautious, and for being smart about yourself: It's always important to weigh potential risks before undertaking any adventure.

However, none of the

women I have alluded to is stupid or careless. Each had at least some idea of what she was getting herself into; and, in the end, saw the benefits of traveling alone as more attractive than the perks of going with a group.

Perhaps they were simply unwilling to lessen the intimacy of their travels with company. Perhaps they had waited just too long for their girlfriends to get their things in order.

But they all would surely be damned before they depended on some man to escort them.

The Women's Movement has certainly changed attitudes and expectations across the land. And so has women's movement.

I was psyched to hear about these women's adventures, even Shu Lien and Jen would be proud.

So, next time you hear somebody describe a place as: "nowhere for a woman to be alone," tell him or her to go and watch "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

Arts and Entertainment

'The drum is the heartbeat of the people'

Senior brings Four Winds Singers, American-Indian culture to campus

By Rhonda Miner
Executive Editor

St. Michael's senior Brianna Burke didn't bring her childhood friends to weekend powwows and dances.

"If they didn't accept it, they didn't accept me," she said.

Once she reached high school, she invited friends.

Now, she's bringing her family and friends to St. Michael's to share a part of her life, tradition and culture.

The Four Winds Singers, a group of intertribal American-Indian singers and dancers, will perform in the McCarthy Arts Center on March 23.

"Because our dance style is western Native-American, people up here are never going to see dance like this," she said. "It's completely new to this campus."

The show will feature an expo of three men's dances – traditional, grass dance, and fancy dance – and three women's dances – traditional, jingle dress, and the shawl dance – as well as singing. Burke said the dancers hope to invite audience members to join them at the end of the performance.

"We want this to be an interactive thing," she said. "Catcalling and hooting and hollering will feed us with energy."



Photo courtesy of Brianna Burke

The Four Winds Singers will perform on campus March 23 in McCarthy Arts Center. Senior Brianna Burke and her family dance regularly at powwows throughout New England. Above right: Burke often creates American-Indian beadwork.

The St. Michael's history department, the office of Multicultural Affairs, and Academic Affairs helped fund the program. However, only about \$800 was raised to cover the expenses of the five families involved. Burke said the \$150 per family is "pathetic."

"They're doing it for me, really," she said.

Burke said she decided to

bring the group to St. Michael's because a student asked her if American-Indians still lived in teepees. "We're not still stuck in the 15th century," she said. "We're still alive and we're still evolving."

Burke was born near a reservation in Nebraska but moved to New Hampshire when she was 6 years old. Her father always tried to incorporate his American-

"It feels like everybody is dancing to the same pulse of life."

Brianna Burke,
senior

Indian heritage into her life.

Her early memories of visiting reservations bring mixed emotions. She remembers being told not to pet dogs that were infected with mange, and not always being allowed to play with the other children, but she also remembers how her grandmother made coffee in a single kettle, baked blue corn bread, and how the woman wore a braid that went all the way down her back perfectly, but was never tied at the bottom.

"I've always kind of lived a double life," Burke said.

In classes, she was always nervous. Her classmates acted like talking about American-Indian history or culture would offend Burke, or that they would feel ignorant. "I felt like I shouldn't talk about it," she said.

"I think people feel guilty for being white and for doing what was done to Indians, even though they haven't done it," she said.

Burke, who started dancing

when she was 6, dances almost every weekend of the summer in Massachusetts, Maine, New York, and Connecticut.

"Sometimes it's just like dancing with a group of people, but there are moments when you feel in rhythm with all of the world. They always say, 'The drum is the heartbeat of the people' – it doesn't always happen," Burke said. "It feels like everybody's dancing to the same pulse of life."

At about 12, Burke began creating beadwork. After Burke's sister passed away, she used her crafts as a way to cope. "It's therapy for me," she said.

Most of the costumes and the drum that will appear on stage when the Four Winds Singers perform are handmade. Other crafts that Burke's family and friends create include material appliqué, embroidering, feather and leather works, and quilling.

Holding on to her cultural ties at St. Michael's has been difficult. "My freshman year, I felt like I totally lost it. ... I'd miss powwows all the time," Burke said.

Keeping busy with classwork and her off-campus job, Burke often felt as though she was losing touch with her roots.

"It's sometimes meant sacrificing my culture," she said.

Earthquake shatters village

Student group shifts focus to aid victims

By Nicholas J. Callanan
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Vermont Students for Renewal, a new organization comprised of students and faculty from Vermont Law School, the University of Vermont and St. Michael's College, has been working to lay the foundation for an agricultural and environmental program in El Salvador.

During Christmas break, VSR members spent a week in la Esperanza of San Sebastian, talking to the farmers, gathering information about the agricultural system and environmental con-

ditions.

However, on Jan. 13, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck about 30 miles off El Salvador's shore, causing extensive damage. One month and 3,200 aftershocks later, a second earthquake struck with the epicenter located about 18 miles from la Esperanza. This earthquake leveled entire towns and left a majority of the Salvadoran population living in plastic tents. Because of the two earthquakes, VSR has shifted its focus to aiding earthquake victims in la Esperanza.

This Earthquake relief effort has already aided with emergency rescue and will now concentrate on the construction of temporary housing.

Two weeks ago, VSR members Roddy Hughes (Vermont Law School, '03), and St. Michael's senior Frank Volpe traveled to la Esperanza and many other villages to deliver medical supplies, gather information and develop a relief plan with a Salvadoran Red Cross unit.

With the rainy season

approaching, the risk of epidemics such as dengue, upper-respiratory infections, and diarrhea are the next major threats. VSR is planning several trips beginning in May to San Sebastian and la Esperanza to work with the Salvadoran Red Cross and build as many of the 2,500 needed temporary shelters as resources allow.

Each shelter, consisting of a wood frame, tin siding and roof, is estimated to cost \$228.

VSR is working to raise as much of the \$570,000 needed to build the temporary homes.

Since VSR is a grass-roots organization, it is able to guarantee that 100 percent of all relief effort donations will be used for the purchase of building materials.

"From now until May we're raising as much money as possible," Volpe said. "Then we're going to take a group of volunteers to la Esperanza and build temporary housing."

The building materials will later be used in the next phase of the earthquake relief effort – the construction of new permanent

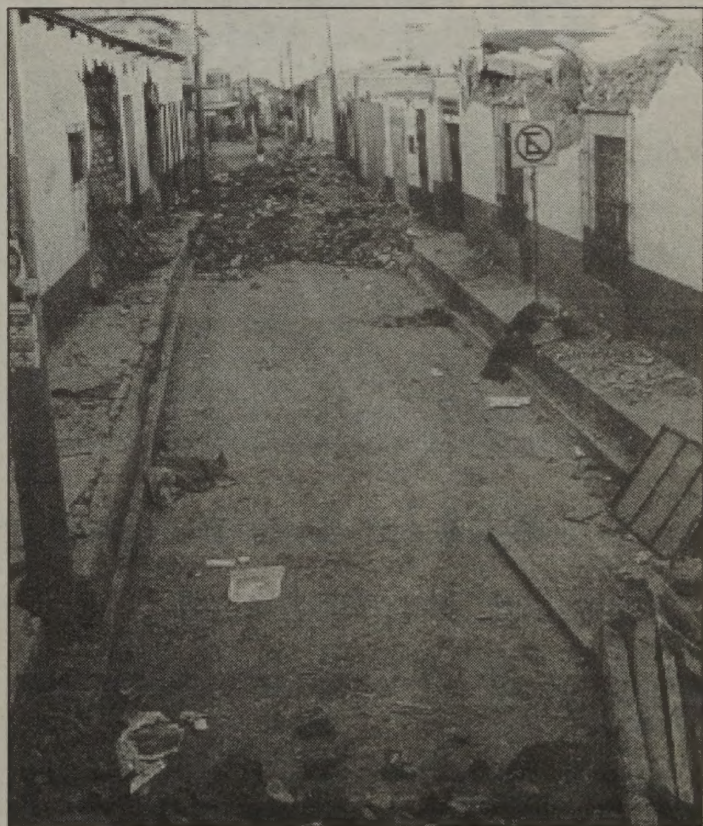


Photo by Roddy Hughes

An earthquake's damage: Seven people were killed in a schoolhouse that collapsed.

homes (estimated cost of \$2,500 each).

VSR is holding an informational meeting in Chera 101 March 23 at 6 p.m. The group is looking for volunteers who want to go to El Salvador to assist with

temporary housing construction; and is also looking for volunteers to help with fundraising.

Roddy Hughes contributed to this report.

For more information or to send donations, contact:

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Sports

Just around the corner ...

Spring sports teams gear up for the snow to melt and play to begin

By Victoria Welch
Sports Editor

When March rolls around, spring sport athletes start itching for the opportunity to get outdoors and begin their seasons.

The spring sports teams are scheduled to begin their seasons soon, and the teams will play at St. Michael's in the first week of April.

Baseball

The baseball team got a start to its season during spring break, traveling to the Washington, D.C. area for six games, coming back with a record of 5-1.

The team is looking to break the record of wins in a season set by the 1999 squad. The record of 17 wins looks beatable for the team as it prepares for a hectic schedule. The team resumes play March 24 at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I.

The Knights feature a strong core of returning upperclassmen, supported by five freshman and seven sophomores. Senior John Miarecki will return to the mound. Miarecki threw a no-hitter against Norwich last season.

Fellow seniors Seth Cole and Tom Batz, who tied for most RBIs last year, also return to the squad, along with junior Juan Montanez, who led the team in stolen bases and walks.

Junior Dan Doherty said a key aspect to the team is comradery.

"From top to bottom, we have a close-knit group," Doherty said. "If the weather cooperates, we have the opportunity to have one of the best seasons we have had in a long time."

Women's lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team will be recovering from the loss of several key players from its 2000 squad, including goaltender Kelly Sharenko.

Senior Kimberly Ryan is the program's all-time leading scorer and is returning with fellow seniors Sue Bette, Kate Gilliam and Emily Ingardia.

First-year coach Carla Hesler and the team are preparing for its season-opener March 24 at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass.

Men's lacrosse

The top four scorers from the men's lacrosse team are back for another season of play as the team hopes to reach the .500 mark, for the first time since 1997.

With one senior, Gene D'Alessandro, and a core group of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, the team is in the process of building a tight unit of players.

The team traveled to North

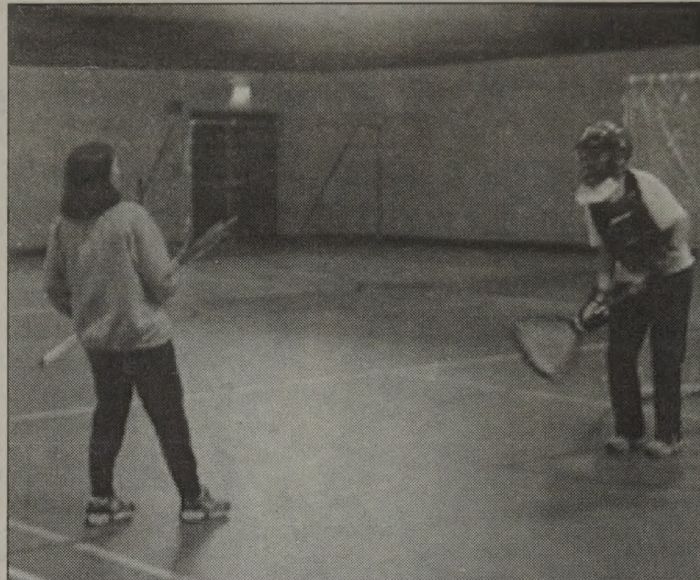


Photo by Victoria Welch
Women's lacrosse coach Carla Hesler (left) works with junior Missy Iorio in Tarrant Recreation Center on March 17. The team is preparing for its season-opener March 24 at Merrimack College.

Carolina in early March to play against Molloy and St. Andrew's Presbyterian. The Knights' next game is March 24 at St. Anselm's College.

Men's tennis

The men's tennis team is young this year, with five of the nine players coming from the freshmen class.

Junior captain Kevin Lizzo filled the No. 3 singles position last year, but he is moving to the No. 2 singles position for this

season.

Sophomore Matt McInnis played in the No. 2 spot most of last season, but won the two No. 1 matches he played last year.

Sophomores Luke Hudak and Cliff Rizzi combined for a 3-0 undefeated season as doubles partners.

Head coach Steve LaTulippe is back for his fifth year, and the team resumes play March 24 at Assumption.

Upcoming games

Baseball

3/24 at Bryant College
at noon (2 games)
First home game:
4/3 vs. Southern
Vermont College
at 3 p.m.

Softball

3/29 at the College of
St. Rose at noon
First home game:
4/2 vs. Southern
Connecticut State
at 3 p.m.

Men's lacrosse

First home game:
3/24 St. Anselm's
College at 1 p.m.

Women's lacrosse

3/24 at Merrimack
at 1 p.m.
First home game:
4/1 vs. Merrimack
at 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis:

3/24 at Assumption,
time TBA
Next home match:
4/3 vs. Norwich
at 3 p.m.



Polishing the skills

A member of the men's varsity soccer team keeps in shape by practicing in the Tarrant Recreation Center on March 18.

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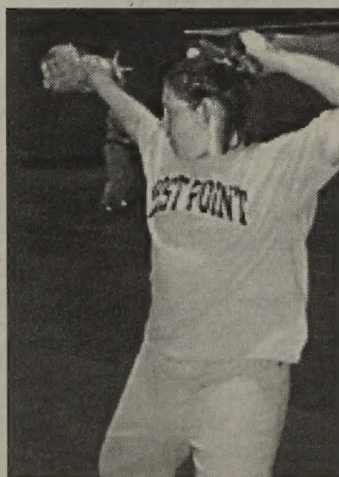


Photo by Rebecca Bazinet
Sophomore Amanda Frost works her arm during softball practice on March 19.

SOFTBALL: Team prepares for season

'We have no choice but to have a successful season'

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Creeley added that Newton's area of expertise is hitting, a skill the team has been lacking in past years.

"Most of my basic coaching philosophy revolves around hitting," Newton said. "I want my team to have incredible offensive skills to lead them to victory."

Feeney said she is confident in Newton's leadership abilities.

"I think with her leading us, we have no choice but to have a

successful season."

The Knights are also looking forward to competition from five new teams that have joined the conference this year: St. Rose, U-Mass Lowell, New Hampshire College, Southern Connecticut State and Franklin Pierce.

The team will kick off its season at the College of St. Rose on March 29. Its home opener is scheduled for April 12 against Southern Connecticut State University at Doc Jacobs Field.

Upcoming Intramural Events

Games held in Tarrant Recreation Center

Floor Hockey

3/21- 7 p.m. The Whalers vs. A Tribe Called Quest
8 p.m. Fleisch 33 vs. Natural Icemen
3/22- 7 p.m. Demon Divas vs. The Lady Whalers
8 p.m. Altoids vs. Quarter Drafts

Spring Volleyball

3/27- 8 p.m. Mad Dogs vs. Whalers Original
3/29- 8 p.m. Mad Dogs vs. Whalers Two

Indoor Soccer

3/21- The Herd vs. Skin Gun
International Team vs. Revolution

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Player of the week: John Miarecki

Senior business major
Baseball

Home is: Enfield, Conn.

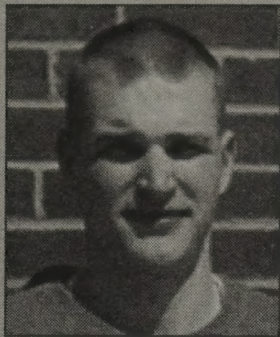
Family: I have three younger sisters.

First started playing: When I was 4 years old.

Favorite memory: Winning the Massachusetts State Championship in hockey my senior year in high school.

Why SMC: I knew I could get a good education and I really like the atmosphere of the campus.

Favorite SMC game: My first start on the mound against



Stonehill my freshman year.

Team strengths: We are all hard working. We show up to practice everyday and are ready to play.

Individual contributions: Leadership.

Spare time: Hang out with my

friends watching sports.

If you could play at any field, it would be: Fenway Park, because it has been a dream of mine since I was a little kid. I grew up as a Red Sox fan.

Favorite pro team: The Boston Red Sox, because my parents wouldn't allow me to like any other team.

Favorite pro player: Growing up, I was always a fan of Wade Boggs.

After SMC: Finding a job in the business world.



Knight Writer

A little 'devil's advocate'



By
Victoria
Welch
Sports
Editor

Let's play a little game of "Imagine ..."

Imagine you're a 19-year-old tennis star. You've got your Nike deal for millions of dollars, and you lead the type of life the rest of the world can only dream about.

Then think about your family life. Your sister is also a star in your sport, and you recently had the prospect of playing against her in a match.

Everyone was watching you, waiting to see what you would do, and then, just before the match, she bows out. She says she hurt herself. You win, and you advance to the finals of the tournament.

People don't like this. Allegations of your sister's faking an injury to avoid the match are running rampant, and when you walk onto the court to play in the finals, you're met with boos and shouts of disgust.

What should you focus on — the fact that you're a superstar or the fact that you're still a kid?

I don't pretend to know what happened between Venus and Serena Williams leading up to their forfeited match in the semifinals of the Masters Series. Venus forfeited because she injured her knee minutes before the match was to take place.

I realize both of the Williams sisters are professionals and should act as such. If they have to play each other, so be it. Instead of looking at it as sister playing sister, it should be regarded as opponent playing opponent. So if Venus backed out because she didn't want to play her sister, that was unprofessional and out of line.

Yet the fact remains that even the most professional person must take things personally from time to time. I cannot begin to imagine the process of psyching myself up for the finals of a major tournament, getting into the right mindset, and walking out onto the court to jeers.

She's still a person, and it must have stung to have had people clapping when she missed a serve.

And it must have really hurt to have won the championship, to be filled with excitement and joy, and to hear the boos from the fans.

Just to play a little devil's advocate, however, let's go back

to the National Finals for Taekwondo before the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

Best friends Kay Poe and Esther Kim were regarded as the best in the competition, and it was expected the two would meet up in the finals. One would compete in the Olympics, one would not.

Poe suffered a knee injury during her final match before the championship round, and while she said she was going to compete regardless of the injury, it didn't look good.

Shortly before the match, Poe learned that Kim had bowed out of the match, allowing her friend to go to Sydney and compete for gold, while Kim would be resigned to watching from the sidelines.

I recall reading about the story shortly after the match, and both Kim and Poe were heralded as demonstrating the Olympic spirit and true friendship. Both of the women described their feelings of loyalty and their sisterly bond.

The two were set on pedestals as models of good behavior.

No one can deny that the gesture Kim made by giving up her spot was admirable. It would be hard for many people to say they would do the same thing.

But these are Olympic athletes, regarded just as highly as professionals. Her gesture might have been sweet, but was it professional?

No.
Was Kay Poe booed when she competed in Sydney? Did people accuse her of taking her friend's rightful place during the Parade of Nations?

No.
She got to bask in Olympic glory and enjoy herself. All the better, Kim was in Sydney to watch the games. The two were together to share a beautiful event.

Venus was there when Serena defeated Kim Clijsters in the Masters Series finals, but instead of sharing the joy of victory with her sister, Venus was listening to the booing from the crowd intended for her sister.

And, in many respects, intended for her.

No one knows why Venus chose to bow out. The fact remains that she did. And her sister went on to win a championship.

Just like how Kim bowed out and Poe went on to the Olympics.

Why is one admirable and the other worthy of jeers? They're the same situation.

Upsets sweep March Madness Temple, USC surprise in second round; Orangemen get smothered in the paint

By Victoria Welch
Sports Editor

Polls and speculation meant nothing in the second round of the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament, as many underdogs found themselves rising above the big names in college basketball for surprising upsets.

Temple 75, Florida 54

Temple University head coach John Chaney's matchup zone defense left the Florida Gators baffled as the Owls handed Florida a trip home March 18 in second round action in New Orleans.

The Owls haven't been in the Sweet Sixteen since 1999, and the Gators never had a chance to fight back after falling behind by 20 when the halftime buzzer sounded.

Temple's Quincy Wadley led scoring with 24 points and came up with 10 rebounds. Lynn Greer scored 20 points and dished out nine assists, while Alex Wesby added 13. Udonis Haslem notched 16 points in Florida's losing effort.

Florida shot a dismal 18-50 overall, converting on only eight of their 29 three-point attempts. Their final score of 54 tied head coach Billy Donovan's lowest total score in his five years at Florida.

With the win, which was their ninth in a row, Temple advances to face No. 7 Penn State on Friday in Atlanta.

Southern California 74, Boston College 71

Clutch free throws led the Trojans of Southern California to victory over the Boston College Eagles in Uniondale, N.Y. on

March 17.

The hero of the day was Robert Hutchinson, a USC sophomore who stepped into play when the Trojan starting point guard Brandon Granville fouled out with seven minutes left to play. Hutchinson converted on five free throws that sealed the victory for No. 6 USC over No. 3 BC.

BC was riding an eight-game winning streak going into the game, but their normally strong rebounding team was outplayed. USC won the battle of the boards 41-28.

Hutchinson made two free throws with 1:17 left to play and then set up a basket for Sam Clancy, who brought the score to 69-64 with 59.2 seconds left. After the Eagles brought the score back within one, Hutchinson converted on two more free throws, followed by two by USC's David Bluthenthal to bring the score to 73-68. A Boston three-pointer followed and Hutchinson was fouled again with 7.5 seconds left. He missed his first shot, but made the second to seal the victory.

The two teams combined for 47 fouls overall.

Southern California will play No. 2 Kentucky in the East Regional semifinals, to be held in Philadelphia Thursday night.

Kansas 87, Syracuse 58

Syracuse went into the history books March 18, but for an honor the team would rather have avoided. The Orangemen were not only the losing team in their matchup against Kansas, they also were the victim of the fifth-greatest rebounding difference in NCAA tournament history during their loss to the Jayhawks in Dayton, Ohio.

The Sweet Sixteen

Where is your team playing?

All games played
March 22-23

East

Philadelphia
No. 1 Duke vs.
No. 4 UCLA

No. 2 Kentucky vs.
No. 6 USC

West

Anaheim, Calif.
No. 1 Stanford vs.
No. 5 Cincinnati

No. 3 Maryland vs.
No. 10 Georgetown

South

Atlanta, Ga.
No. 1 Michigan State
vs. No. 12 Gonzaga

No. 7 Penn State
vs. No. 11 Temple

Midwest

San Antonio, Texas
No. 1 Illinois
vs. No. 4 Kansas

No. 2 Arizona
vs. No. 3 Mississippi

The Orangemen, who had not lost by more than 14 points at any point during the season, shot 30 percent and lost the battle of the boards 56-23.

Kenny Gregory had 15 points in the game for Kansas.

Sports



Scoreboard

Baseball

(5-1)

3/24 at Bryant
College at noon
(doubleheader)

3/27 at Southern
Vermont College
at 3 p.m.
(doubleheader)

Softball

3/29 at College of St.
Rose at noon

Men's lacrosse

(0-3, 0-1 NE-10)

3/18 Bentley 9,
SMC 8 (overtime)

3/24 vs. St. Anselm's
at Doc Jacobs Field
at 1 p.m.

3/28 vs. Green
Mountain College at
Doc Jacobs Field
at 3 p.m.

Women's lacrosse

3/24 at Merrimack
at 1:30 p.m.

3/31 at Assumption at
2 p.m.

Men's tennis

(1-1, 1-0 NE-10)

3/11 SMC 6,
Merrimack 3

3/14 Middlebury 5,
SMC 4

3/18 SMC 6,
Stonehill 3

3/24 at Assumption
time TBA

3/25 at Bentley
time TBA

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SMC softball 'only getting better'

New coach, team unity will lead to promising season

By Matt Reno
Staff Writer

A new head coach and a strong core of returning upperclassmen have given the St. Michael's softball team a great deal of confidence heading into its spring schedule. The team finished 7-22 (4-14 NE-10) last season, which was a slight improvement from the year before.

This year, it expects the improvement to be even bigger.

With three seniors and six juniors, the Purple Knights have a larger group of upperclassmen than in previous years, which should provide the necessary leadership and experience to help carry them through the season.

Much of that leadership will come from the three captains: seniors Abby Feeney, Heather Smith and Meghan Creeley.

"There is definitely a lot of leadership on the team," Feeney said. "The talent that lies in the upperclassmen is incredible."

"[The upperclassmen] are all very talented players at their respective positions," Creeley said, "and I can't imagine the team without them. With two years of experience under their belts I only see things getting better for us this year."

Two sophomores and six freshmen are also on the roster this year. The newcomers had an opportunity to integrate themselves into the team during the fall season, during which St. Michael's played 10 games, so

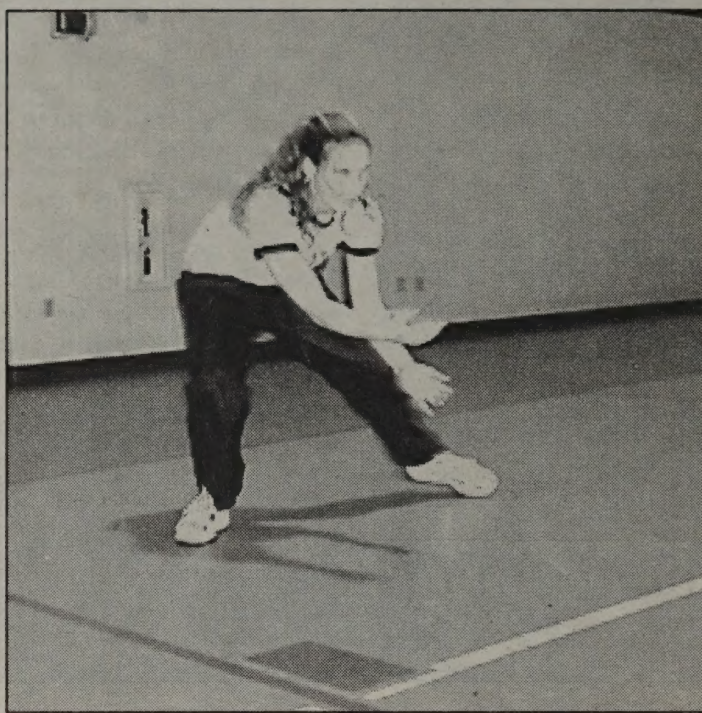


Photo by Rebecca Bazinet

Freshman Stefcia Dziubek practices ground balls in Tarrant Recreation Center on March 19. The softball team is preparing for its season opener on March 29.

their transition into the spring season will most likely be smooth.

Freshman Sara Pope considers the team to be so strong all around that it is difficult to tell the difference between upper- and underclassmen.

Another important addition to the team this year is head coach Robyn Newton. Newton started at first base for the University of Vermont from 1991 to 1995 and was Player of the Year in 1994.

After graduating, Newton was UVM's assistant coach. She moved to the head coach position at Trinity College for the 1999-00 season before taking over the top spot at St. Michael's.

"I have been adjusting very well to coaching softball here," Newton said. "Everyone has been very supportive in showing me the ropes around St. Michael's."

Newton said she is impressed with the way the team has adjusted to a new coach with

new philosophies.

"They have been an excellent group to coach," she said.

The players are pleased with the way Newton is running the team, especially because of her passion for the sport and her active role in practices.

"I couldn't be happier with Robyn Newton," Creeley said. "And I'm sure that goes for the rest of the team, as well. She brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to our team, as well as great coaching skills."

Junior Lisa Marien said she agreed. "Our new coach has really done a great job at trying to take us to the next level."

While the team is confident in its defensive skills, it feels it needs improvement in the depth of its pitching staff in order to take pressure off Feeney and junior Kara McManus.

However, sophomore Amanda Frost said the rest of the positions have enough depth that more than one player can fill roles on the field.

Newton agrees the team possesses all-around strength.

"This year's team is 17 members strong," she said. "I have two excellent players in every position that I will be able to put in any situation that arises. I have total confidence in each and every one of them."

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Throw out the record book

Men's basketball team beats individual, team bests

By Victoria Welch
Sports Editor

The St. Michael's men's basketball team left its mark not only on the court, but in the record books, with numerous team records broken and individual accolades and records for play-

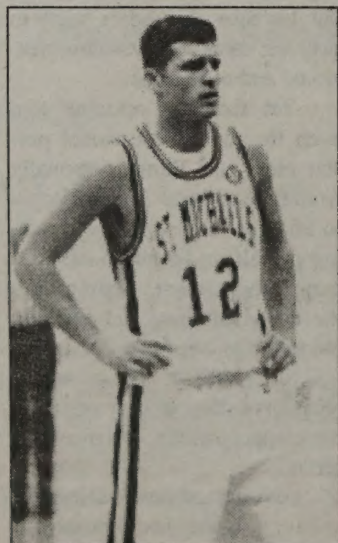


Photo by Victoria Welch
Senior captain Brian Miles was named the 2000-2001 NE-10 Defensive Player of the Year.

ers.

The team finished 27-4, its best record ever, including a 13-game winning streak at the beginning of the season, the second longest in college history.

The team reached the 20-win mark faster than any other in college history, and made it to the NCAA Division II regional finals for the first time since 1967.

The season gave the Knights their best winning percentage ever, tying for the fewest losses in a season in college history with four other teams.

Senior captain Brian Miles was named the Northeast 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Miles became St. Michael's all-time leader in career assists, finishing with 527. He was also the first Knight to total 500 career points, rebounds, and assists.

Senior Todd Roberts was named NE-10 Player of the Year, and was also named to the NE-10 All Conference First Team.

Roberts worked his way up the all-time career scoring list

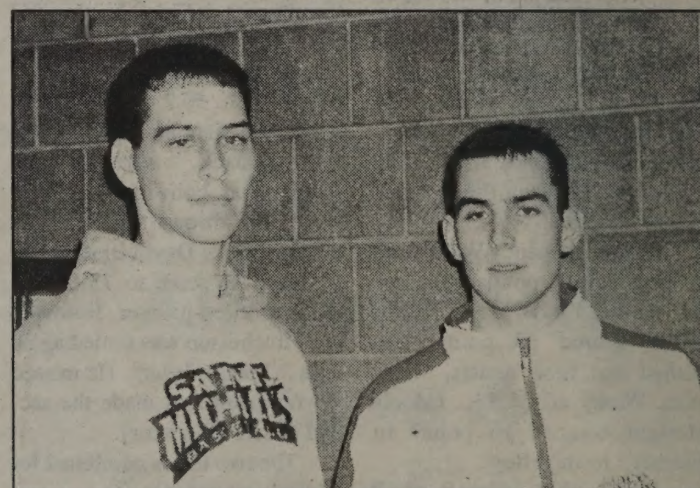


Photo by Shawnalea Young

Senior captains Todd Roberts (left) and Mark Pater put their names in the record book this season. Roberts is ranked third on the all-time scoring list, while Pater is ranked seventh.

throughout the season, finishing at No. 3 on the list with 1,816 career points.

Roberts was named to the NCAA First All-Northeast Region Team, which gave him an automatic bid to be voted to the All-America Team.

Results of the vote have not yet been received.

Fellow senior Mark Pater finished seventh on the all-time

scoring list with 1,621 career points. He was named to the NE-10 All Conference Second Team, the NE-10 Tournament MVP, and was named to the NCAA Division II All-Regional Team.

Sophomore Jared Chandler was named to the All-Regional Team and received an honorable mention to the NE-10 All Conference Teams.